**CURRENT EVENTS PORTFOLIO**

Your Name:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date Begin:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Due:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Topic of Study: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**CURRENT EVENTS PORTFOLIO GUIDELINES**

A Portfolio is a **purposeful** collection of papers, work, and prints.

Your current events portfolio could include newspaper clippings, current magazine and journal articles, blogs, editorial cartoons, video clips, etc. All materials must include the *date and publication* reference, and must be published **on or after Sept, 2010.** You may use photocopies of items, (*especially when using library materials*). Please use a binder or folder so that pages won't fall out and to make them easier to handle, review, and carry.

A minimum of **8 items are required for a "C" grade; 11 articles for "B" grade; and 15 articles for an "A"** grade.  To develop an appreciation for the diversity of scientific writing, you must include a minimum of **3 articles form the Internet, 1 article from a research journal, 1 magazine article and 1 newspaper article.**

Part of the learning experience of a portfolio is **deciding**, and **evaluating** what things to include, as well as **seeing** how science and technologic fit into our world. To complete this learning process, it is important for you *evaluate your own portfolio*. You should write an analysis for each article using the format provided:

1. **Citation**: Record the source by providing the author, year, title, type of source, and page numbers for each item. Articles obtained from the internet must include address and date obtained;
2. **My brief summary:** no more than 1 paragraph in length
3. **Relation to this class:** area of science / topic of study
4. **Reason for selection:** I chose this item because…
5. **Your Thoughts:** is this item valid? (fact, fiction, fantasy?), how does it impact science and society? Did this article challenge your thinking or supported a conclusion you had already drawn? etc
6. **The printed or photocopied item. The date of publication MUST be included.**

Once you have collected all of your items, you will place them in your portfolio from **most important to least important.**

For the **final,** you will write a summary of your portfolio. Please review your work and address the following questions in your summary. Place the summary as the **first** page of your portfolio.

* Which item did you consider to be the most valuable? Why did you select it? What impact will it have on science and society?
* In what ways was this item similar to other items in your portfolio? How was it different?
* How difficult was it to find these sources? Best source? Worst source?
* What do you consider to be the best aspect of your portfolio (organization, cover, design, etc.)? How valuable would you consider this process?
* What score (scale: 1 - 10 with 10 the highest) would you put on your portfolio and why does your portfolio deserve this score?
* What did you learn from this activity?

Portfolios will be evaluated on quality of the articles, number of articles, completeness of the citation references, apparent effort, and overall organization and appearance. You should be prepared to present and defend your Portfolio summary to your colleagues in the class.

Double CHECK Your Work:

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_1. Have you included your items in a folder ?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_2. Have you submitted your folder by the due date? Date:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_3. Have you included your name and class time on the cover of your folder?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_4. Have you included the following in this order:

a. Checklist (this sheet)

b. Item Reflection

c. Item w/ date included on the article

(b/c organized from most important to least important)

d. Portfolio Reflection

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_5. Are the dates of your articles within from Sept 2010 to present?

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_6. Have you included a minimum of items that are from these DIFFERENTsources?

a. Internet (3)

b. research journal (1)

c. magazine (1)

d. newspaper(1)

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_7. Have you avoided using unacceptable sources?